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**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT
ON HOUSE BILLS 5111 AND 5144**

Members of the State Board of Education respect the intent of House Bills 5111 and 5144, and agree with the Legislature's urgency to accelerate 3rd grade reading success. However, the Board is neutral on the bills as written.

We believe that every child can learn, and support the goal of 3rd grade literacy. But too many schools retain students without a more effective approach, and the legislation suggests – rather than requires – improved classroom instruction. Being held back with little hope of learning can damage young learners and lacks educational purpose.

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